

Birmingham

q3 2011 business confidence report



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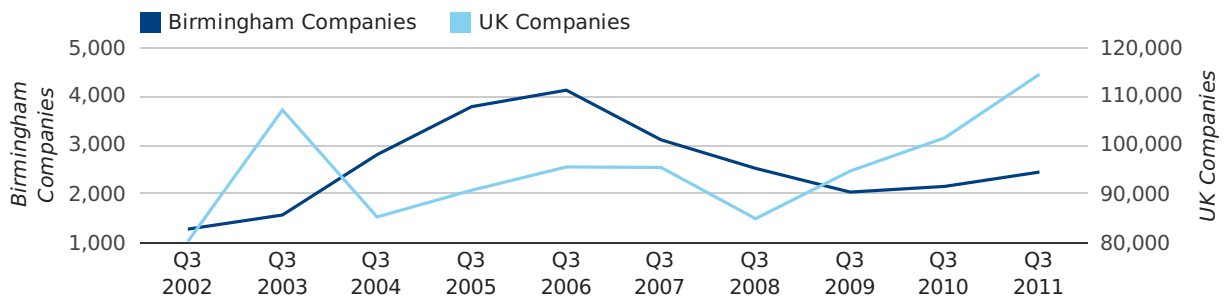
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 2,446 companies were registered in Birmingham during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 13.7% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.8% against the same period last year.

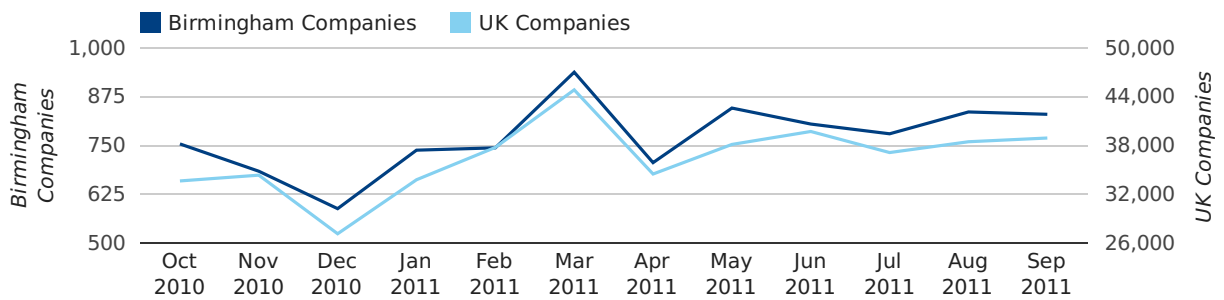
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2011	2,446	114,512
2010	2,152	101,492
% CHANGE	13.7%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (4,126)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	780	836	830
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	754	673	725
% CHANGE	3.4%	24.2%	14.5%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (1,360)	2006 (1,367)	2005 (1,402)

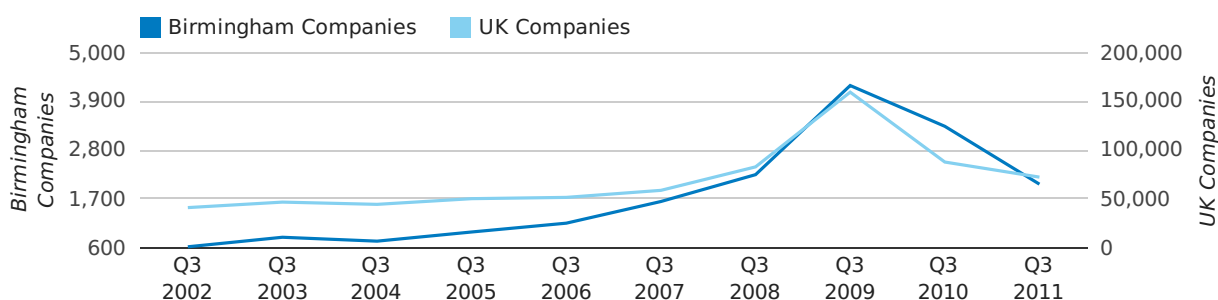
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 2,030 companies were dissolved in Birmingham during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 39.1% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

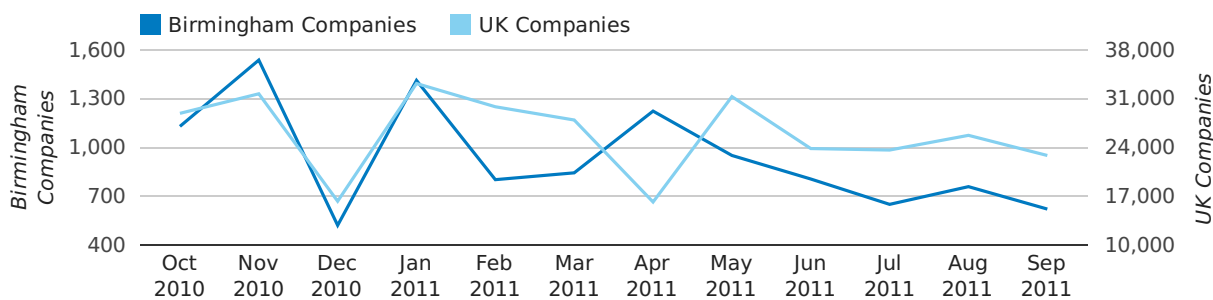
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2011	2,030	72,230
2010	3,336	87,705
% CHANGE	-39.1%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (4,256)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	650	759	621
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	799	1,360	1,177
% CHANGE	-18.6%	-44.2%	-47%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,197)	2008 (1,703)	2009 (2,202)

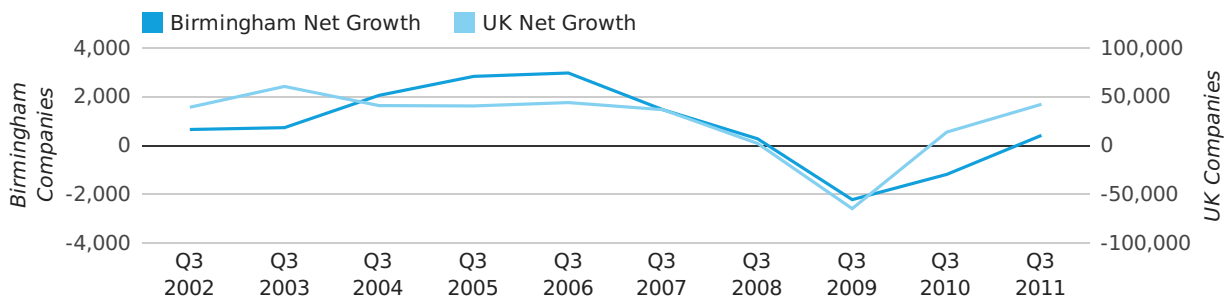
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Birmingham during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 416 companies.

This represents an increase of 135.1% on the same period last year.

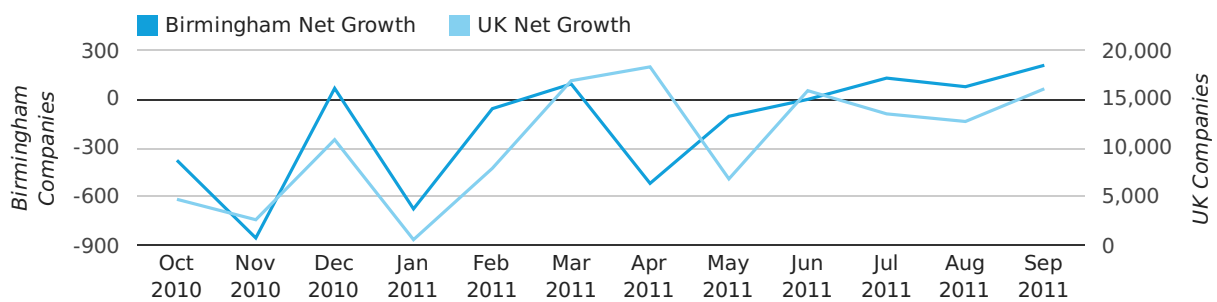
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2011	416	42,282
2010	-1,184	13,787
% CHANGE	-135.1%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (2,976)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



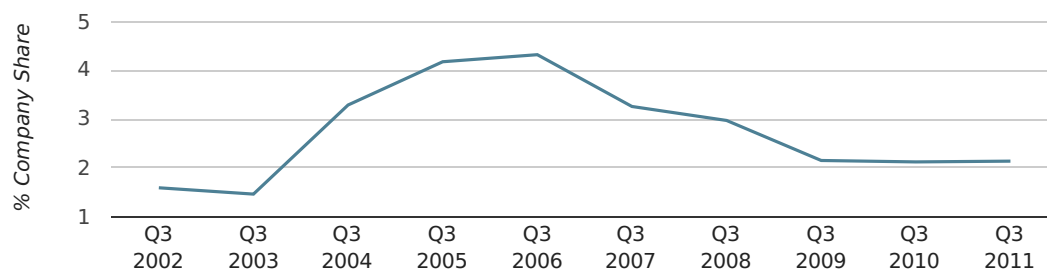
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	130	77	209
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-45	-687	-452
% CHANGE	-388.9%	-111.2%	-146.2%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (1,032)	2006 (881)	2005 (1,114)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Birmingham formed 2.1% of all UK companies.

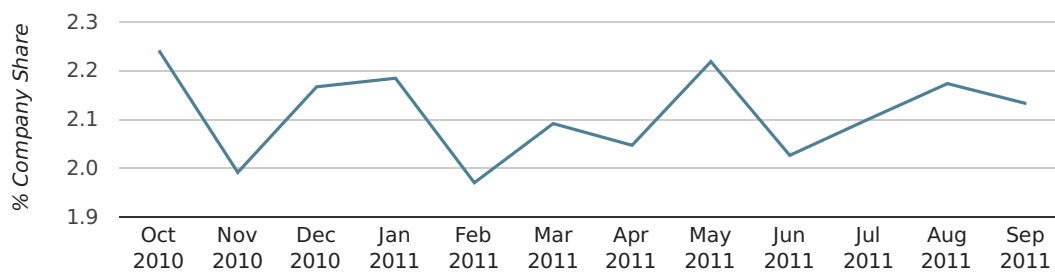
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BIRMINGHAM
2011	2.1%
2010	2.1%
2009	2.1%
2008	3.0%
2007	3.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2006 (4.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	2.2%	2.1%	2.1%
% CHANGE	-5.3%	4.5%	3.4%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (4.4%)	2006 (4.3%)	2005 (4.4%)

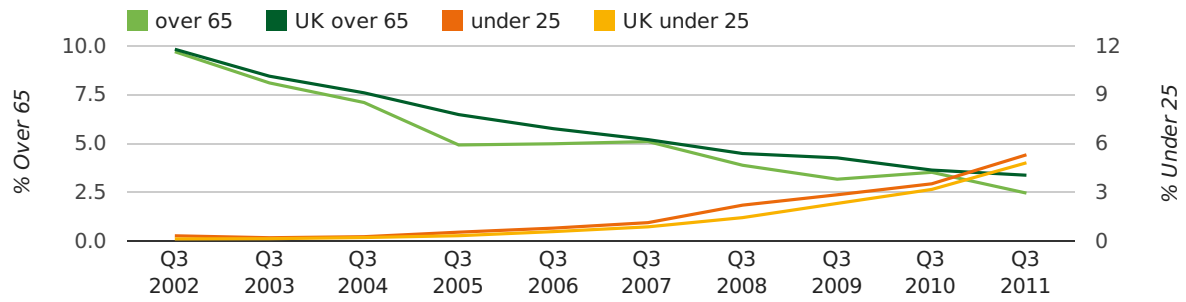
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 40.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

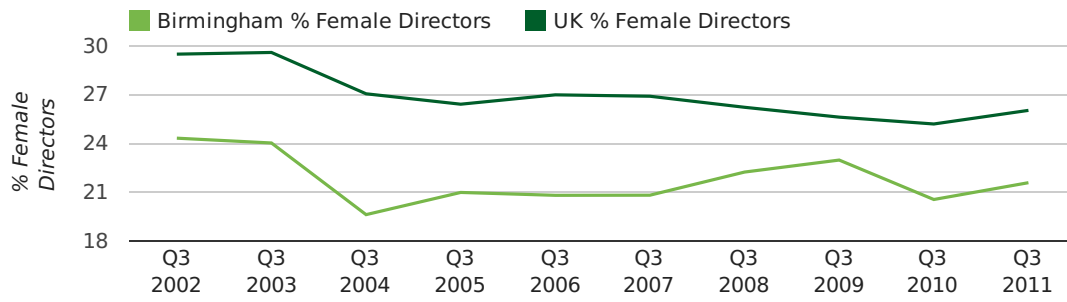


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The record third quarter for female directors in Birmingham was in 1862 when 50.0% of all directors were female.

21.6% of all director appointments in Birmingham in the third quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.0% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Sep 2010-Sep 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.77%	CONSULTING	5.11%
TRADING	1.28%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
BIRMINGHAM	1.14%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
PROPERTY	1.08%	PROPERTY	2.41%
CONSULTANCY	1.05%	TRADING	2.06%
CONSULTING	1.00%	DESIGN	1.94%
CARE	0.88%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
(GB)	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.82%
(30)	0.84%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
M	0.80%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
GLOBAL	0.72%	MEDIA	1.72%
BUSINESS	0.70%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
S	0.68%	LONDON	1.63%
J	0.68%	J	1.47%
CONSTRUCTION	0.64%	GLOBAL	1.46%
COMMUNITY	0.63%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
CO	0.63%	CARE	1.42%
CIC	0.63%	IT	1.38%
CENTRE	0.63%	BUILDING	1.30%
MEDIA	0.63%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
DEVELOPMENT	0.62%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
MARKETING	0.61%	M	1.25%
HOUSE	0.60%	ENERGY	1.22%
ASSOCIATES	0.60%	TRAINING	1.21%
(MIDLANDS)	0.60%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	4,927	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	2,695	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,475	29,245
9999 - Dormant Company	385	22,587
5227 - Other retail food etc. specialised	302	1,259
99999 - Dormant Company	259	18,281
5530 - Restaurants	228	5,640
9305 - Other service activities	214	10,525
7499 - Non-trading company	191	11,543
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	165	1,777
7414 - Business & management consultancy	161	14,755
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	153	10,018
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	136	15,760
7260 - Other computer related activities	117	8,686
86900 - Other human health activities	111	4,019
74990 - Non-trading company	104	8,064
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	93	10,137
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	91	8,345
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	77	7,551
8514 - Other human health activities	76	2,943